

1. SM Workshops

a) Celebration of African Statistics Day on 18 November 2022



November 18 is African Statistics Day (ASD) and this day was adopted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) to be celebrated by the African Communities.

Each year, the celebration revolves around raising awareness amongst decision-makers, development partners, data producers and users, academia, researchers, and the public on the importance of statistics on a specific theme.

This year's ASD theme was **"Strengthening data system by modernizing the production and use of agricultural statistics with a view of informing policies to improve resilience in agriculture, nutrition, and food security on the African Continent"** It is aligned with the African Union 2022 theme **"Strengthening Resilience in Nutrition and Food Security on the African Continent: Strengthening Agro-Food Systems, Health and Social Protection Systems for the Acceleration of Human, Social and Economic Capital Development"** disseminate statistical publications.

To celebrate this special day, Statistics Mauritius hosted a workshop on 18 November 2022 at the Ravenala Attitude Hotel, Balacava and on this occasion the preliminary results of the Housing and Population Census conducted in 2022 were also disseminated.

b) Dissemination of 2022 Housing and Population Census main results in Rodrigues



A dissemination workshop was organized at Cocotiers Hotel, Rodrigues to share the main results of the 2022 Housing and Population Census that portray the housing, socio-demographic and economic characteristics of the Island of Rodrigues.

Participants included the Chief Commissioner and members of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, representatives of Statistics Mauritius, Statistics Unit of Rodrigues, Statistics Board, UNFPA and the media.

2. Certificate in Basic Statistics - Award Ceremony at University of Mauritius

In line with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the University of Mauritius (UoM) and the Statistics Mauritius (SM), 38 Temporary Statistical Officers, including 2 from the Ministry of Health and Wellness, were sponsored by SM to follow a training course leading to a Certificate in Basic Statistics. The course which was held at UoM from July to September 2022, was sanctioned by an examination in October 2022.

Following the obtention of the Certificate of Basic Statistics, consideration will be given for the appointment of these 38 Temporary Statistical Officers as Statistical Officers in a substantive capacity subject to them satisfying other criteria.



On 13 December 2022, an award of certificate ceremony was organized at UoM in the presence of, amongst others, the Vice Chancellor of UoM and the Ag Director of Statistics, whereby the certificates were handed to the awardees.

3. End-of-year gathering of SM staff

The Staff Welfare Association organized a get-together for SM staff on 12 December 2022 at Ile des Deux Cocos. The Ag Director, Mr Mukesh Dawoonauth thanked all the staff for their hard work and dedication all year round and extended his best wishes to all staff and their family for the year 2023.